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DSYG PANSA HAS CIRCULATED DPC/D(75)2 (QUOTED BELOW) WHICH CONTAINS
PROPOSED SCOPE AND CONTENT FOR 1975 AD-70 SPRING REPORT AND
RECOMMENDS DPC APPROVAL. MISSION BELIEVES THAT PROPOSAL INCLUDES
ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS DESIRED BY US IN SPRING REPORT (REF B) AND
INTENDS TO SUPPORT DPC APPROVAL DURING JANUARY 16 MEETING.
BEGIN TEXT:

ALLIANCE DEFENCE PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970S -
SPRING REPORT 1975

NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP
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INTRODUCTION

THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION
INVITED (1) THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE SCOPE AND

NATURE OF THE AD 70 REPORT DUE TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS IN SPRING 1975. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP HAS DISCUSSED THIS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, TAKING ACCOUNT INTER ALIA OF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN PO/74/93. WE CONSIDERED IT DESIRABLE, HOWEVER, TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING LAST DECEMBER BEFORE SUBMITTING OUR FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

BACKGROUND

2. THE ORIGINAL AD 70 REPORT (2) ESTABLISHED THE BASIC POLITICO-MILITARY ASSUMPTIONS FOR DEFENCE PLANNING IN THE SEVENTIES AND SET OUT IN DETAIL THE MAIN MAJOR PROBLEMS REQUIRED TO BE RESOLVED. IN 1971, THE AD 70 REPORT(3) CONTAINED RESUMES OF STUDIES CARRIED OUT ON ALL THE PROBLEM AREAS TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION. IT ALSO CONTAINED THE FIRST PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME. SUBSEQUENT REPORTS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON REVIEWING PROGRESS, AND IN 1973 (AND 1974) THE REPORT COVERED BOTH FORCE CAPABILITIES AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES ON A REGIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL BASIS. DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE 1973 REPORT IT WAS AGREED THAT REPORTING ON NATIONAL FORCE IMPROVEMENTS WAS BEST CARRIED OUT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING REVIEW (4).

3. THE PROCESS IS NOW WELL UNDER WAY. FOR INSTANCE, AT LEAST 80PERCENT OF THE AD 70 HIGH PRIORITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN NATO FORCE GOALS AND THE MACHINERY FOR MONITORING THEIR IMPLEMENTATION ALREADY EXISTS IN THE ANNUAL DEFENCE REVIEW. THE 1974 DEFENCE REVIEW ALSO DEVOTED SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THOSE SUBJECTS IDENTIFIED AS "BASIC ISSUES" IN THE LAST AD 70 REPORT. AS TO THE BROAD POLITICO-MILITARY BACKGROUND ON WHICH THE ORIGINAL AD 70 REPORT WAS BASED, THIS WILL NOW BE PROVIDED IN THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, AGAIN UNDER PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING MEETING.

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- (1) DPC/R(74)19 DATED 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1974
(2) DPC/D(70)22(FINAL) DATED 10TH DECEMBER, 1970
(3) DPC/D(71)27 DATED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1971
(4) DPC/D(72)19 DATED 3RD AUGUST, 1972
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SCOPE OF THE 1975 SPRING REPORT:

4. IN CONSIDERING THE SCOPE AND FORMAT OF THE REPORT FOR NEXT SPRING WE MUST BE GUIDED BY THE NEED TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK. WE HAVE FOR EXAMPLE, JUST COMPLETED IN THE FORM OF THE 1974 DEFENCE REVIEW (1) A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION, COUNTRY BY COUNTRY AND REGION BY REGION, OF THE PRESENT STATE OF NATO'S DEFENCES AND FUTURE PLANS UP TO THE END OF THE DECADE. AS FOR SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES AND STUDIES, SEPARATE REPORTS ARE ALREADY DUE TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS ON RATIONALISATION AND SPECIALISATION, ON FLEXIBILITY (BY SACEUR) AND POSSIBLY ALSO ON STANDARDIZATION AND ON INFRASTRUCTURE.

5. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP

CONSIDERED VARIOUS OPTIONS, INCLUDING:

- AN EXAMINATION IN DEPTH OF NATO FORCE CAPABILITIES AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES AS IN 1973 AND 1974, WITH THE AIM OF MAKING AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF NATO'S DEFENCES AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS TO THE WHOLE;
- A DETAILED REPORT ON SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES OR ISSUES (E.G. STANDARDISATION) WHERE SPECIFIC MINISTERIAL SUPPORT OR DIRECTION IS REQUIRED.

6. IT WAS FELT THAT BOTH THESE COURSES OF ACTION INVOLVED TOO MUCH DUPLICATION WITH WORK ALREADY DONE OR IN HAND. IT IS UNDESIRABLE HOWEVER TO CONCLUDE FROM THIS THAT NO AD 70 REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN 1975. THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN PARTICULAR ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MAINTAINING THE VALIDITY OF THE AD 70 RECOMMENDATIONS. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST A COMPARATIVELY SHORT DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE MINISTERS TO ESTABLISH THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF NATO DEFENCE BUT WHICH WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO COVER THE SAME GROUND AGAIN. IN PARTICULAR IT WOULD:

(A) ESTABLISH THE RELEVANCE OF AD 70 TO CURRENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN NATO;

(B) REPEAT, AND UPDATE AS NECESSARY, THE ASSESSMENTS OF FORCE CAPABILITIES MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 1974 DEFENCE REVIEW;

(C) RELATE THE CONTENT OF THE SEPARATE REPORTS ON
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SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES, ETC., TO THE OVERALL DEFENCE CAPABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE;

(D) DRAW ATTENTION TO SPECIFIC AREAS (E.G. BASIC ISSUES) WHERE ADDITIONAL EFFORT AND MINISTERIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED.

(1) DPC/D(74)21, GENERAL REPORT AND COUNTRY CHAPTERS

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS INVITED TO AGREE THAT THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE ASKED TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT ON THE LINES DESCRIBED IN PARA 6 ABOVE FOR SUBMISSION TO MINISTERS AT THEIR SPRING MEETING. THE DRAFT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES BY THE END OF APRIL.
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